

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 913

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Brenda Denton upon being named Lewis County Intermediate School Building Level Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Denton is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Denton has been selected Building Level Teacher of the Year at Lewis County Intermediate School; this honor is most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, conferred by her peers, honors and recognizes Mrs. Denton for her many valuable contributions to her students, her school, and the community at large; she has taught in Lewis County Schools for twenty-seven years, twenty-five years in fourth grade and two years in third grade; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Denton earned an Associate of Arts degree in 1976 from State University of New York in Farmingdale, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from State University of New York at Old Westbury in 1978; she took additional courses to receive her teaching certificate and for professional growth development; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Denton has been employed by the Lewis County Board of Education since 1978, teaching spelling, writing, reading, English, math, social studies, and science in both the third and fourth grades; she currently is lead teacher in the fourth grade, serves as mentor to new teachers, and has served on various textbook committees; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Denton has served with the utmost acumen and alacrity throughout her outstanding tenure at Lewis County; no stranger to accolades, she has received her Twenty-five

Years of Service pin, been named Teacher of the Year, and has been the object of the school yearbook dedication; and

WHEREAS, she sets an excellent example for her students, as she is very involved in her community while also supporting all organizations that help to benefit Lewis County students; Mrs. Denton currently serves as secretary on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Steering Committee for Component One, and is a member of the Tennessee Education Association, Lewis County Education Association, and Professional Educators of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Denton is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Denton is an active and devout member Oak Grove United Methodist Church, where she has served faithfully for many years; she is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Hohenwald, Chapter 393; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Denton truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Denton epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Brenda Denton upon being named Lewis County Intermediate School Building Level Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.